

Who We Are:

The King County Department of Community and Human Services

(DCHS) values the input and assistance of the consumers, family members, advocates, and residents who volunteer to serve on our advisory boards. All play a vital role in the development of DCHS programs, policies, services, funding, and legislative advocacy.

Each of the seven boards seek members that reflect the diverse makeup of King County: diversity in age, gender, ethnic and cultural perspectives, and geographic representation. Several of the boards also have unique recruitment needs or requirements within their bylaws or enabling legislation.

Perhaps one of these boards is just the right opportunity for you!

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services:

Provides advice and recommendations to the Area Agency on Aging on issues affecting older people and adults with disabilities, promoting independence and choice. The 27-member Council is made up of nine appointees from each of its three sponsors – United Way, the City of Seattle, and King County.

Recruiting: Residents of King County's unincorporated areas, the primary focus of service delivery for the county's aging programs.

Call: Sonja Griffin, Aging Program, 206-205-0612
www.metrokc.gov/dchs/csd/Aging/

Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board:

Provides leadership in the development of the county's biennial plan for substance abuse services and makes recommendations on policies and programs that ensure the availability and accessibility of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services across King County.

Recruiting: Membership must include four recovered alcoholics and four persons with interest in and knowledge of substance abuse other than alcohol. Particularly seeking ethnic and cultural diversity, and countywide geographic representation.

Call: Rhoda Naguit, Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division, 206-296-7623
www.metrokc.gov/dchs/mhd/kcasaab/

Community Organizing Program Advisory Board:

Recommends the program direction of the Community Service Division's substance abuse and violence prevention and community mobilization efforts for neighborhoods across King County.

Recruiting: Representatives from education, neighborhoods, treatment providers, business, law enforcement, and other relevant elements of the community.

Call: Laura Edwards, Community Organizing Program, 206-296-5250
www.metrokc.gov/dchs/csd/Organizing/

Board for Developmental Disabilities:

Seeks to assist all King County residents with developmental disabilities to realize their life goals as full participants in their communities. The board focuses on policy, priorities and strategic direction and provides input in a variety of areas including legislative advocacy and program development and oversight.

Recruiting: People with developmental disabilities or their family members; professionals and other members of the community interested in developmental disabilities; ethnic and cultural diversity; countywide geographic representation.

Call: Michaelle Monday, Developmental Disabilities Division, 206-296-5214
www.metrokc.gov/dchs/ddd/board/

Mental Health Advisory Board:

Mandated by Washington State law to advise the county on the development of plans and policies for the operation of the publicly funded mental health system in King County. The board provides policy direction, prioritizes and advocates for service needs, monitors evaluation of services, and provides public information.

Recruiting: Required by state law to be comprised of 51% former or current consumers of publicly funded mental health services and/or family members. The board also actively seeks ethnic/cultural representation reflective of the populations served in the publicly funded mental health system and strong geographic representation.

Call: Rhoda Naguit 206-296-7623.
www.metrokc.gov/dchs/mhd/mhbpge

Veterans' Advisory Board:

Makes recommendations on programs and services to assist and support veterans and their families. Members are elected by the voting membership at the annual meeting; nominees are selected by the federally recognized veteran's organizations of King County.

Recruiting: Veterans of all ages, men and women.

Call: Joel Estey, Veterans Program,
206-96-7656

[www.metrokc.gov/dchs/csd/Veteran/
AdvisoryBoard](http://www.metrokc.gov/dchs/csd/Veteran/AdvisoryBoard)

Women's Advisory Board:

Offers recommendations on programs and services to meet the needs, rights and well being of women including domestic violence and sexual assault victim assistance, teen dating violence, and assisting incarcerated women. The board is comprised of 15 individuals; two nominated by the King County Executive as "at large" members and the other 13 positions nominated by the members of the King County Council, one nominee per council member.

Recruiting: Recruitment efforts focus on geographic representation, as well as individuals that reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the county's residents.

Call: Carol Mizoguchi, Women's Program, 206-296-5241.

www.metrokc.gov/dchs/csd/Women/AdvisoryBoard

Other citizen participation/ volunteer opportunities:

We welcome your calls and your interest in serving on any of these boards. Our offices are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information is available on our Web site 24 hours per day.

Additional volunteer opportunities are available - in drug/alcohol and violence community organizing; assisting with the annual one-night homeless count; planning, organizing, and participating in the community legislative forums; service on special oversight committees; and more.

Please check the Department of Community and Human Services Web site for updates and announcements at www.metrokc.gov/dchs

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Community Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to have a voice in
the future of ...

...mental health services

...developmental disabilities
services

...veterans services

...aging services

... drug/alcohol services

... women's services

... drug/violence prevention

...in King County?

**Apply to join a volunteer advisory
board and have your voice heard!**
